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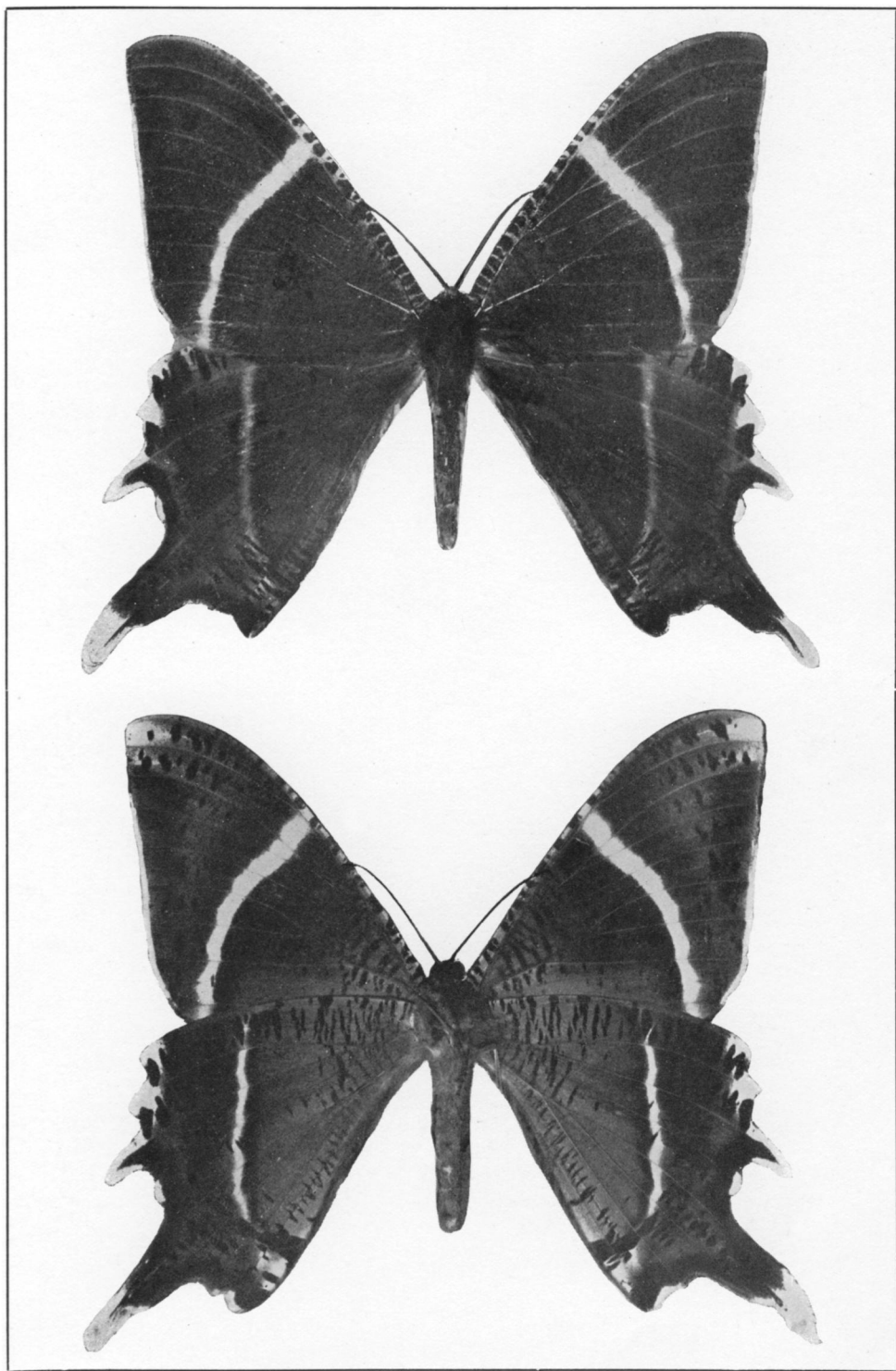
A NEW SPECIES OF NYCTALEMON.

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Nyctalemon curvata ♂ n. sp. Plate XIII.

Upper side. Primaries dark smoky-brown, almost black. The costa is crossed by a number of very narrow, pale slate-colored lines which break up the ground color into spots. A distinct white band or fascia crosses the wing from the costa to the interior margin; this band commences on the costa 30 mm. from the base of the wing, measured along the costa; it ends on the interior margin 34 mm. from the base of the wing. The band is 3 mm. wide at the costa and gradually grows narrower. Its white color ends before it reaches the exterior margin. The band is distinctly divided into seven white spots by the dark nervures and it is markedly curved, the concave side being inward. There are no other markings except that the apices are slightly lighter in color. Secondaries. The wings are the same color as the primaries and are crossed by a band or fascia some shades lighter than the ground color of the wing; from this toward the base are no markings. Beyond the band toward the outer margin the wings are lighter in color and are marked with a long black shade and a number of somewhat linear black markings. The exterior margin is broken into two small and one long point and there is also a long broad tail to the wing. Commencing in the larger point is a black band about 2 mm. wide and forming the edge of the wing and extending to the interior margin. It crosses the larger tail about 10 mm. from the tip, leaving the latter white from where it crosses to the end.

Under side. Primaries. The ground color of the wings is much lighter; the white band is the same as above, except that it extends unbrokenly white to the exterior margin. There is a black shade beyond the band on the apex side and numerous black, somewhat linear markings; the tip of the wing is whitish. There is also a black shade on the inner side of the band and the linear markings are also found toward the base of the wing. The secondaries are marked in the same general way and the band is distinctly white but narrower than on the primaries. It terminates in an irregular black band-like spot which reaches the interior margin. Expanse (from body to apex of wing on one side) 62 mm. The very dark color, the comparatively wide and very distinct, curved white band serve to distinguish this species from the others in the genus. Described from two specimens presented to the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia by Prof. Levi W. Mengel. They are from Tonga, off Santo, New Hebrides, Oceanica.



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